



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-661-A)

In re Application of:)
Chad A. Mirkin, et al.)
Serial No. 10/034,451)
Filed: December 28, 2001)
For: NON-ALLOYING CORE)
SHELL NANOPARTICLES)

Examiner: T. Strzelecka
Group Art Unit: 1637
Confirmation No. 9317

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated January 8, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (one month) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 12-19 were amended. A marked-up copy of these claims with the amendment shown can be found in Appendix A. A clean copy of the amended claims are shown in Appendix B.